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Pastor's Notes

by Pastor Dan Hansen

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1



On "running with perseverance" the race... We're continuing to "run the race" in our office and we certainly give thanks for the wonderful response we've had to our request for office volunteers as Carol undergoes chemo treatments for her cancer. We're particularly grateful for Sue McCormick who has volunteered to serve in the office from 8:00-noon on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in Carol's absence. If you send information to Carol in the office, Sue will be fielding that information. And special thanks to Josephine

who has been recruiting office volunteers for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. We're thankful for Janelle's work in the office on Thursdays, but she'll be gone on vacation for much of October so we'll be looking for help then, too.

On our vision for worship...

It's been a strong summer with 3 Sundays which have had attendance over 500. Many thanks to our worship teams for serving so generously! It seemed to work well for each of our teams to carry over their music from month to month, so we'll probably do the same next summer. It also seemed to work well to have the same liturgy for both Sunday services--which was a bit easier for laying out our bulletins. I'm particularly pleased with how well our "blended worship" is going. For example, this past Sunday, I'd be tempted to say that "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" was one of the strongest songs of the morning.

Once again, we rejoice in the new organ that was donated earlier this summer to our church. With the increasing number of weddings and funerals at our church, and along with our vision of "blended worship,"

we believe this organ will be a fine addition to our worship. We will not be letting go of any of the wonderful music that has shaped the character of our worship(!), but we do plan to ADD to what we now do. Just as our church has been blessed with all kinds of new growth, so too is our worship & music repertoire growing!

On our construction work...

The council and committees got a little tour of the project this past month. As you can see, it's really moving along. As I write this column, the electrical work and plumbing are being put in. Once again, Carl Schaal, our contractor, is doing an excellent job and has a great crew of workers—including Bob Thoman, and Allan Clauson. Please continue to keep everyone in your prayers!

On our stewardship...Can you help? Although we are over \$60,000 ahead of last year's giving at this time, and although summer attendance was outstanding, nevertheless we'd like to catch up from the "summer slump" since this is our second year with new mortgage payments. As a church, God has shown us so many times that *"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."*

On our worship prayers in worship...

Thanks for your prayers! I know that there is nothing wrong with praying silently, but a special word of encouragement to all of

you—especially our staff, council, ministry committees and Sunday School teachers—please remember to faithfully lift up your ministries and concerns as a part of our worship services, ok? It may very well be that our prayer time says more about us as a congregation than our music, or our preaching, or our teaching; so let's let our light shine!

On our fall schedule...

Lot's of planning has been happening this summer for Sunday School and confirmation and choir and worship teams and Wednesday Night Live, so we hope you can join us and that you'll invite your friends!

*Your Partner in Ministry,
Pastor Dan*

OUTREACH

When you go to buy those new winter outfits, why not pick up a pack of new **undies** for the kids at Wingshadow, the only shelter for homeless teens in northern Colorado? We'll be collecting them on **Undie Sunday**, September 18.



Women's Bible Study



Hear ye, hear ye, come and join us as we begin our next session of **Women's Thursday Bible Study** starting **September 15, at 10:00 am**. We will start with a six-week study of "In My Father's House," author is Mary Kussian; the topic is about women relating to God as Father. If you wish for more information on this study and where we meet, call Alice Turner, 303-682-0347. We would love to have you join us!



VIA DE CRISTO

C O L O R A D O



"... But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..."

Ephesians 4:7, 11-12

Via de Cristo is patterned on Jesus' own example. He searched out and called a small group of potential leaders; He trained them by word and example and inspired them with a vision; He linked them together and sent them out into the world to bring the world to Him.

Via de Cristo is a renewal movement of the church patterned on Jesus' example. Its purpose is to help those in the church understand their individual callings to be Christian Leaders. The leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities, and within the Church environment. Leadership, in Via de Cristo, does not mean power over others, but influence on others; all of us need to be aware that we can exert a *positive* influence on those around us.

What is Via de Cristo?

Literally meaning "way of Christ", Via de Cristo is a short course in Christianity that is designed to provide all Christians with a significant foundation for individual and community spiritual growth. Grace and Growth are combined in an exciting and energetic way. At the Via de Cristo the participants become increasingly aware that they are a part of a community abounding in God's grace. The three days are a triple encounter: with Christ; with Christian brothers and sisters; and with a Christian community.

History of Via de Cristo

Via de Cristo originated as the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement which began in Spain in 1948 and moved to America in the late 50's. The first Lutheran-sponsored Cursillos (the early name for Via de Cristo) were held in Miami, Florida in 1971. In addition to

the Roman Catholic and Lutheran movements there are similar expressions in the Methodist, Reformed, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christian churches. Today, more than 2 million Christians in 50 nations have attended a "Cursillo" weekend.

Format of The Weekend

The Via de Cristo weekend is an experience in Christian sharing and living. During the 72-hours, fourteen talks will be presented: Five talks are given by *Lutheran pastors* and nine by lay people. A final talk is given on sponsorship by the lay director. The weekend also includes chapel each morning, communion, small group discussions, sharing, music, singing, laughter, and prayer. The fourteen talks are discussed by the participants and will include a Christian perspective on the following subjects:

- Ideal
- Grace
- Lay People in the Church
- Importance of Study
- A Day in the Life of a Christian
- Apostolic Action
- Obstacles to a Life in Grace
- Christian Actions in the Community

Each of the talks deals with living one's life in God's grace.

Who Goes To Via de Cristo?

Via de Cristo is not designed to convert anyone to Christianity. It is meant for those who are already faithful and committed to Christ and His church. Once again, the goal of Via de Cristo is to encourage Christians in their lives of faith and increase their awareness of grace and service to the Church and the world. During a Via de Cristo weekend, those who have previously attended are called "The Team", and it is their responsibility to serve you in every possible way.

When is Via de Cristo Held?

Weekends in the Colorado movement are generally held three times per year. Men's and Women's weekends are held in March and November, and

a Co-ed weekend is held during June or July.

How Can I Attend Via de Cristo?

Contact the church office, or other members of FCLC who have attended, i.e. Pastor Dan & Cindy, Ed & Diane Broestl, Harlan & Janelle Olson, Kirk Olson, Shea Baker, Wayne & Kaydene Hubert, Ella Lien, Margaret Greene, Monte & Lorna Ott, and Jeanette Wittmer to name a few. In total, more than 40+ members from FCLC have attended a VdC weekend.

What Happens After The Weekend?

The weekend is only a beginning. What you learn and share during the weekend will hopefully be taken back and put into practice in your local congregation and community. You will be supported by many others who have attended a Via de Cristo before or with you. Small groups meet regularly (usually weekly) to affirm one another and to share the Christian life of Grace. These activities inspire, challenge, and encourage Christian action in homes, churches, and communities.

How Much Does The Weekend Cost?

It is our policy to not charge pilgrims (you) for the weekend. It is a gift from God.

May I Go with a Spouse or Friend?

Yes, we strongly recommend that spouses and friends attend a first Via de Cristo weekend together. Marriages and friendships can be strengthened and deepened by the Via de Cristo experience. Fall and Spring Colorado weekends are split into all men and all women weekends, with the men going first. Since 2001, there have been co-ed weekends in the summer. Spouses and friends are also encouraged to serve on teams together.

In Summary

Not everyone who attends a Via de Cristo weekend will receive the same benefit; but all who attend will be blessed, and most will be strengthened in their desire to be a blessing in their churches and Christian communities. www.ColoradoVdC.org

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

Adult “All Church” Progressive Dinner



Mark your calendars now for our 1st Annual Progressive Dinner Night! It will be held Saturday, September 24. Appetizers in the homes of members will begin @ 4:00 p.m. We will end up for dessert and entertainment at the church! Look for details to come in the August and September bulletins. Child care will be provided by our youth group members. This is a great way to get to know your church community and a wonderful opportunity to build upon “friendships” that already exist. Any questions contact Diane Sell @ 303-828-4435 or Kathy Praska @ 303-682-3155.

WNL is starting again!!!!

Hey kids! It’s that time again! Time for singing, dancing, and praising the Lord! Mark your calendars for **September 7th, 6pm** in the fellowship hall. We will be making the world’s largest Sundae! Yummy!

Parents who are interested in helping out this year should contact

Dawn Hajdas at dawn@faithcommunitylutheran.org.

All those who are interested in doing KIC’s should attend also, as we will be discussing the roles available.

This year’s musical is called....

“The First Leon”.

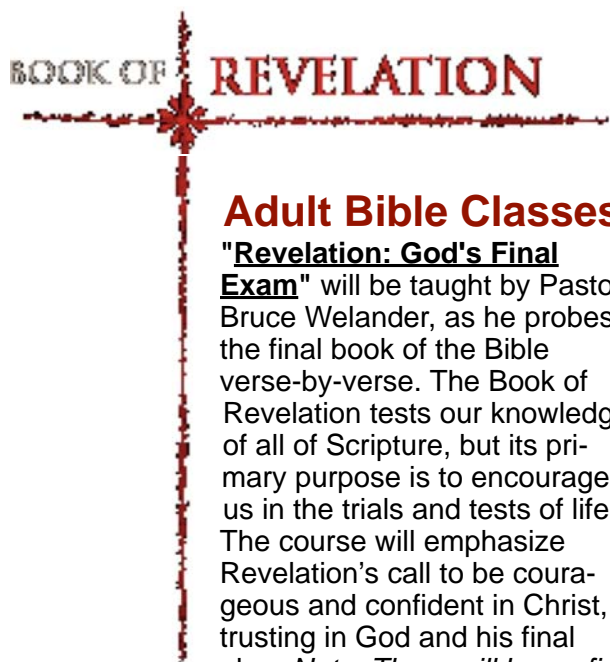
In this musical you will see Christmas through Leon’s eyes. You see, Leon is special. Ever since he discovered that his name spelled backwards is Noel, he’s felt called to tell the world the true meaning of Christmas. But when he tries out for every role in the annual school pageant, he finds that he’s the only one who doesn’t get a part. Rejected! Now, Leon understands better than anyone how Mary and Joseph must have felt when they heard the words, “No Room” that night in Bethlehem. Without trying to, however, Leon does uncover the true meaning of Christmas when he identifies the real star of Bethlehem.

Sounds exciting!! Hope to see you all there!!!

FCLC Christian Education

Turn Over a New Leaf

Join a Sunday School Class on September 11, 9:30 am



Adult Bible Classes

"Revelation: God's Final Exam"

will be taught by Pastor Bruce Welander, as he probes the final book of the Bible verse-by-verse. The Book of Revelation tests our knowledge of all of Scripture, but its primary purpose is to encourage us in the trials and tests of life. The course will emphasize Revelation's call to be courageous and confident in Christ, trusting in God and his final plan. *Note: There will be no final exam (i.e., test) in this*

class...not even a mid-term...but, instead, we will be testing the quality of our coffee every Sunday.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS CLASS ON SUNDAY MORNING. . .The **"Cliff Notes" version of "Revelation: God's Final Exam"** will be offered on the third Tuesday evening of each month, beginning September 20, 7-8 pm.

Join a **Bible Study Friendship Group** in the Fireside Room (Room 209). This discussion based Bible Class will focus on each week's Gospel lesson. Informal and informative! Facilitated, once again, by Wayne Hubert.

Preschool-High School

Did you get a chance to read the new **Harry Potter** book this Summer? Well, don't just stop there! Join us at 9:30 am, September 11, in the Fellowship Hall to learn about the **REAL POTTER!** Join us as we discover how God, the Potter, forms us, molds us and makes us into who we are to



become. So be ready to get clay in your finger-nails and feel your creative juices flow as we begin the "Empty Bowls" project, making bowls to help feed the hungry in Longmont!

Just in case you wondered . . . Alicia and Mike Stover just happened to have 2,000 lbs. of clay sitting around their house, ready to donate for this project! THANK YOU!

Join Great Dates-Couples Bible Study this Fall!

Song of Songs: A Dialogue of Intimacy, will



begin Sunday, September 18, 6-7:30 pm at church. In this study we will find out what the Bible's most passionate book, Song of Songs, has to teach us about achieving emotional and spiritual intimacy in our marriage relationship and in our relationship with God. Let

Nanette know TODAY, if you would like to order a book. (nanette@faithcommunitylutheran.org) Cost is \$6/study guide. "Great Dates" meets on the 3rd Sunday evening of each month.

Men's Fraternity The Quest for Authentic Manhood

Beginning Saturday, September 10, 7-8:30 am!

Imagine the transforming power of men coming together within church and community to examine their lives and take the courageous steps necessary to embrace authentic manhood on a journey to become who God intends them to be! Through this powerful series, men learn to reject passivity, accept responsibility, lead courageously, and expect God's greater reward. Facilitated by Jeff Riemenschneider. Contact Nanette TODAY, to order a workbook (\$10).

nanette@faithcommunitylutheran.org Men's Fraternity will meet each Saturday morning.



Join the Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study this Fall!

1 Corinthians: The Challenges of Life Together, will begin Wednesday, September 7, 9:30-11 am in Room 210 at church. In 1 Corinthians we will see Christianity not as it was meant to be, but as it often is. Yet we also will discover practical advice for overcoming the challenges of life together with other Christians. Cost is \$6/study guide. *The Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study* meets each Wednesday morning.

Join Faith Community Lutheran this Fall!

Orientation to Faith Community Lutheran

Would you like to become a member at FCLC? Have you recently transferred your membership here? Plan on learning more about our church and getting to know others who are new like you! Plan to attend BOTH Orientation Sessions to be held on September 25, 6-8 pm and October 2, 9:30-10:30 am. New members will join on October 2, at the 11 am service. May we add your name to our Orientation list? Contact the church office today! (303-776-8771)

Purchase GROCERY CERTIFICATES in September and support Christian Education!



For every \$10 in grocery certificates purchased, you will receive a BIBLE BUCK!

No kids to share your bucks? Have you noticed how the kids hang around the certificate cart? We're sure they would take them off your hands. Then again, no one ever said shopping at the Bible Bucks store is just for kids! Next BIBLE BUCKS STORE dates: September 18, 10:30-11 am. (Location TBA.)

Purchase Faith Community Lutheran Note Cards in September and support Undie Sunday!

Photo note cards are available in assorted packages of 12 cards for \$6. All proceeds from the sale of note cards during September will be forwarded on to the Outreach Ministry's Undie Sunday project. And just when you thought it couldn't get any better. . . **For every 2 packages of note cards purchased in September, you will receive a BIBLE BUCK!**

Dates to Remember

September 3, 10, 17, 24, 8:30-9:30 am
Fitball Exercise / Bible Study. New exercisers are always welcome!

September 7, 9:30-11 am

Women's Bible Study begins the in-depth study of 1 Corinthians

September 7, 6:00-7:00 pm

Confirmation begins for ALL Middle Schoolers!

September 10, 7-8:30 am

Men's Fraternity begins!

September 11, 8:00 am

INSTALLATION OF ALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

September 11, 9:30 –10:30 AM

RALLY SUNDAY! Fall Sunday School for all ages begins!

September 18, 6-7:30 pm

Great Dates Couples Bible Study begins Song of Songs

September 20, 7-8:00 pm

"Revelation: God's Final Exam"
(Cliff Notes version)

September 25, 6-8:00 pm

Orientation to Faith Community Lutheran Session #1 (Session #2 will be held on October 2, 9:30-10:30 am)

September 26, 7-8:30 pm

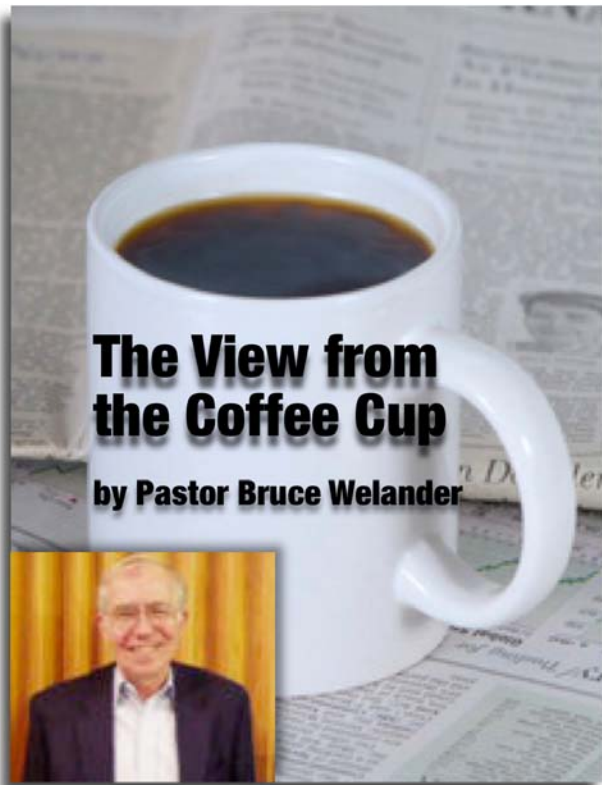
Weavers of the Cloth Crafts/Devotion

October 2, 6-7:30 pm

P.O.T.S. (Parents of Teens) Bible Study (Now meets on the first Sunday evening of each month)

FCLC FINANCES

	As of 8/22/05
General Offering YTD	\$ 351,416
Budget YTD	\$ 389,964
Expenses YTD	\$ (348,558)
New Building Giving YTD	\$88,920



Starting this September, for the fifth or sixth time in my ministry I will be teaching a Sunday School class on the Book of Revelation. Considering that there are many books of the Bible that I have never taught verse-by-verse, why Revelation so often? It's because I figure that if I teach this book enough, I may finally learn what it means!

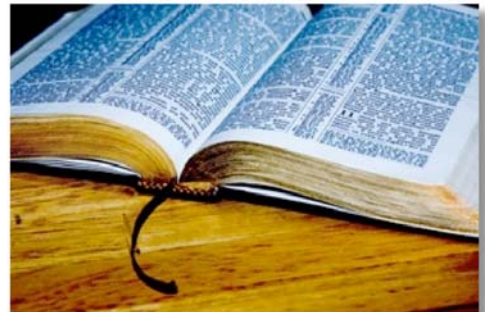
Actually, though, Revelation is not all so esoteric. Certainly there are plenty of passages in it that I would like to understand better. However, I have come to appreciate deeply the central message of this wonderful last book of the Bible.

"God's Final Exam," I call it, with tongue only partly in cheek. I'll unpack that phrase more fully in the class itself. For now, I'd simply like to invite you to plan to study this book with us in Sunday School this fall. Until our new building addition is finished, we will meet in the sanctuary.

Also, Nanette Goings has asked me to teach a condensed version of this class occasionally during the week, to make it possible for Sunday School teachers and helpers to at-

tend, if they wish. So on the third Tuesday evening of each month, 7:00 – 8:00, we'll have a highly-condensed overview, or "Cliff Notes" version of the class, as Nanette calls it. All are welcome!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Bruce Welander



MORE OUTREACH

Sat, Sept 24 10am-2pm- Serving Food at the OUR Center. Need at least 6 adults to help out with this.

Help us fill the cart for the OUR Center

In September, the focus is baby products (diapers, baby jars, formula, etc) as this is what they are really in need of right now.



Council Minutes July 12, 2005

Attendees:

Officers:

Federico Ruiz, President
Jill Krantz, Vice President
Lisa Smith, Secretary
John Meier, Treasurer

Ministries:

Rhea Hoops, Education
Kaydene Hubert, Fellowship
Marcie Mason, Outreach
Sally Beckner, Pastoral Care
Mike Marshall, Property
Roger Olsen, Stewardship
Larry Konicek, Worship & Music
Kris Baltrum, Youth

Staff:

Pastor Dan Hansen



Devotions/Prayer: Pastor Dan— Matthew 13:24-30 “The Parable of the Weeds”

Secretary’s Report Approval: Marcie moved to approve the minutes. Roger seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: : There is a small surplus for July. The Mortgage Debt Reduction amount will be paid to the principle. Pastor Dan moved to approve the treasurer’s report. Rhea seconded. Unanimously approved.

Brief Update from Each Ministry:

Education—Rhea.

VBS – have 64 children attending and approximately 30 adults and teens helping

Currently in the middle of Sunday School for all ages, which includes post high school and college, Knee Sitters Club and Josiah’s kids story time.

HIPS will continue through Sept. 3

Fall TBA – Jeff Riemenschneider of Promise Keepers for small groups

Fellowship—Kaydene

Golf and swim day on July 10th – approximately 10 golfers and 40 people at the pool

Picnic on August 21st at Hover Park from 4-7PM. Have recruited the youth for games. Food and drinks will be provided. Bring chairs and shade.

Outreach—Marcie

Gospel Grass Festival July 14-16 from 10am-2pm in Loveland at the old Larimer County Fair Grounds.

August is the month for the coat drive.

Need coats, hats, gloves, snow pants and boots. Everything will be hung in the coat closet.

September is Undie-Sunday for Wing Shadow.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

We will be giving a 1 time gift to a Mission ELCA Church in El Paso, TX. Hispanic origin – possible Mission partner.

Pastoral Care—Sally

- Divorce class is still continuing.
- Chaplains with the hospitals are requesting volunteers to help with hospital visits. We have 3 people who have volunteered.
- Care Note display is in the Narthex.

Property—Mike

Lawn is browning due to trouble with the sprinklers.

The addition is going well. Some lawn will be torn up due to this.

Ditch is close to being done.

Stewardship—Roger.

Temple talks for Stewardship will be at the end of September and 1st part of October. Cards will be mailed during the time frame between the talks. October 31st a letter will go out to non-responders.

Worship & Music—Larry

Diane starts Friday, July 15th.

Working on coordinating on Sundays to bring in more youth.

Diane is scheduling an August meeting called “Vision”, for worship teams as a kickoff.

Dawn is scheduling on Aug. 21 from 11am-2pm a potluck for the choir. It was recommended she may want to change the date since the church picnic is that afternoon, also.

Leap of Faith is scheduled 2 times this month.

Dawn is requesting that the adult choir will alternate with other choirs.

There is one wireless mike broken. Also, may need to change frequencies since we are picking up stray sounds.

We have new coordinators for the VPU, Rob and Sound, Jay.

Youth—Kris

Started a fund for the ELCA Youth Gathering which is currently at \$800. We will be partnering with Bethlehem. First meeting is set for August 14th.

Low attendance for the summer in youth group and Diving Deep class.

Kris will be working on her Master's degree in Youth and Ministry.

Expecting approximately 100 people tomorrow for the Blue Grass Gospel Youth Rally. Food will be available.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

Kris stated the goals for the Youth will be met during the Fall. There are 30 freshmen coming in to the high school youth group.

Worship and Music will need to work with the Geek Committee to set up the VPUs in the Narthex.

Roger reported that the banker stated they would have the money to us by last week. As of today, we still have not received.

Lisa moved to adjourn the meeting and Roger seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Information:

Council e-mail is Council@faithcommunitylutheran.org

Reminders:

Newsletter items must be submitted to Janelle **by the 15th of each month.**

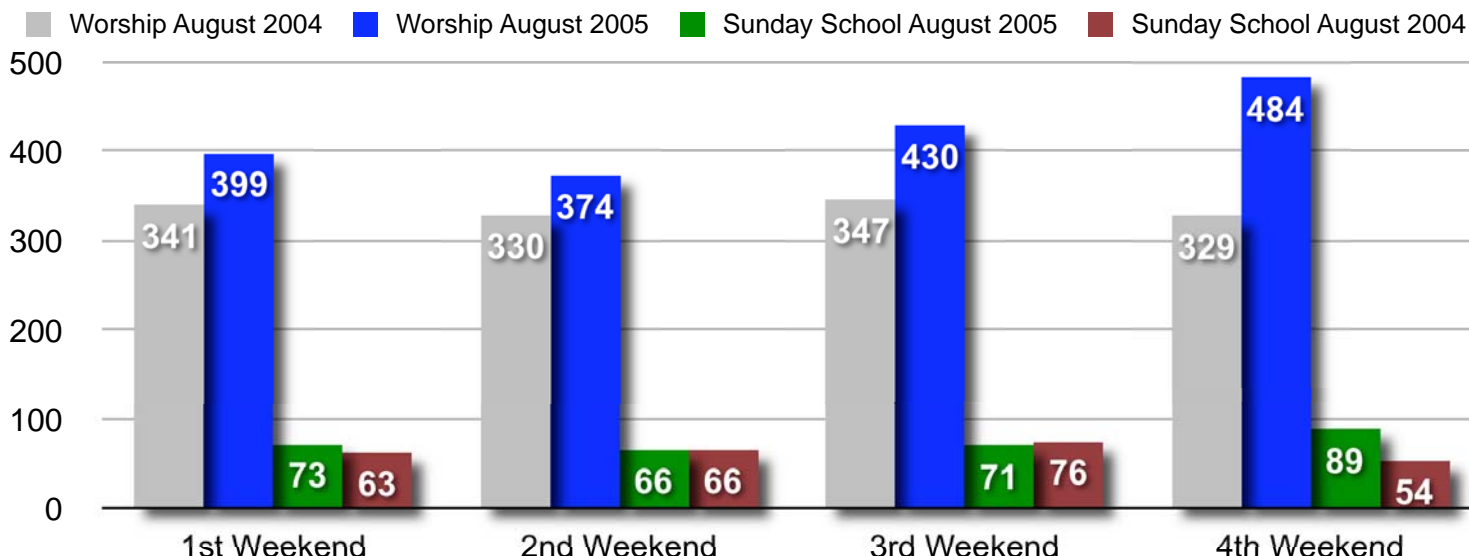
Please remember to take the lead in praying for your respective ministry at our worship services.

If you have any questions, contact the council members of Faith Community Lutheran Church:

Faith Community Council Members

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Worship & Music:	Larry Konicek, 303-772-0010
Pastoral Care:	Sally Beckner, 303-651-2287
Youth:	Jesse Demmel, 303-776-1920
Property:	Mike Marshall, 970-535-927
Outreach:	Marcie Mason, 303-702-1730 Mike Gwinn, 303-776-9635
Education:	Rhea Hoops, 303-772-2457

Growing at FCLC - Worship & Sunday School Attendance





FCLC Birthdays!!

09/01	Torge Goderstad	303/684-6565
09/01	Charles Cullian	303/772-9691
09/02	Henry Dukart	303/833-3238
09/02	Stephanie Nelsen	303/651-6123
09/02	Connor Timms	303/651-2982
09/03	Lanette Smallwood	303/776-2872
09/03	Wendy Fott	303/828-3356
09/04	Mark Carnes	970/669-7668
09/04	Emily Johnson	303/702-1808
09/06	Bob Barton	303/776-3971
09/06	Keith Anderson	303/772-9328
09/07	Jordan Peterson	303/776-6637
09/08	Mark Praska	303/682-3155
09/08	Austin Jurgensmeyer	303/651-9045
09/08	Wyatt Prentice	970/535-9503
09/09	Raymond Menard	303/774-7590
09/09	Jessica Foster	303/772-1703
09/09	Celine Cantu	303/682-4375
09/09	Cooper Rothe	303/682-0695
09/11	George Goble	303/449-6512
09/11	Logan Audley	303/651-7812
09/12	John Chilson	303/678-1984
09/12	John Timms	303/651-2982
09/13	Kimberly Bonds	303/776-0381
09/13	Andrew Meier	303/938-8680
09/14	Bob Mueller	303/651-6532
09/14	Trevor Platt	970/535-0855
09/14	Emily Stamp	303/652-8506
09/15	Bailey Mueller	303/651-6532
09/17	Cheryl Johnson	303/702-1808
09/17	Erik Polsdofer	303/772-6643
09/18	George Lubovich	303/776-6062

09/18	Brent Grinditch	970/532-5803
09/18	Connor Irely	970/669-0754
09/19	Yvonne Alm	303/823-6106
09/19	Sandra Felderman	303/485-6319
09/20	Mary Bauman	303/772-2579
09/21	Brigitte Hennig	303/772-4975
09/21	Karsten Goderstad	720/971-3289
09/21	Denice Rothe	303/525-7560
09/21	Anthony Endres	303/776-7896
09/22	Roy Ward	303/774-1306
09/22	Carol Marks	303/210-5284
09/22	Gail Cullian	303/772-9691
09/22	Christy Adams	303/823-0852
09/22	Annette Carlson	303/772-6554
09/23	Katherine Spencer-Inskeep	303/678-5710
09/23	Sarah Mallard	970/785-0922
09/24	Mike Gwinn	303/776-9635
09/24	Tanya Goble	303/449-6512
09/24	Dave Droeger	303/682-2807
09/24	Michelle Hansen	303/682-1614
09/25	Lisa Bleeker	303/776-5965
09/26	Audrey Audley	303/651-7812
09/26	Rachael Hassa	303/823-9316
09/27	Lois Ward	303/774-1306
09/27	Jill Krantz	303/774-8439
09/27	Jasmine Lovell	303/485-8107
09/28	Cindy Bauman	303/772-2579
09/28	Harlan Lerum	303/833-5373
09/29	Ann Yost	303/702-1850
09/29	Mike Sloan	303/823-2303
09/30	Terri Cogdill	303/678-0419

Happy Anniversary!!

Sept 2	Kirk & Pam Lind
Sept 6	Bob & Nanette Goings
Sept 6	Alan & Nataly Schuppan
Sept 8	Carl & Connie Backes
Sept 9	Andrew & Torey-Taylor Goldfarb
Sept 9	Tim & Kari Uecker
Sept 11	Curt & Lisa Lewis
Sept 12	Maria & Mike O'Brien
Sept 13	Brenda & Phil Spreier
Sept 20	Lee & Melanie Quaintance



Sept 20	Edward & Ethel Owens
Sept 20	Natalie & Paul James
Sept 22	Lois & Roy Ward
Sept 23	Joan & Mark Flowers
Sept 24	Gary & Kim Erickson
Sept 24	Gabriel & Jamie Vigil
Sept 29	Christine & George Goble

NO SNOOZE YOUTH NEWS

Stuff that is so exciting you won't be able to sleep!

1. CRUZANDO – Do you know what this word means? FIND OUT!

After all, it IS the theme for the ELCA National Youth Gathering coming this summer! You should have already received some mailings on this, but in case you haven't, here's the basics: The community of Christ is coming together in San Antonio, Texas. Lutheran youth and adults are coming from all over the map to be renewed in their faith journey. They are crossing every kind of border to be with friends and neighbors who share the same name—Child of God.

In the company of the Beloved and gathered in San Antonio, youth will learn to see Jesus more clearly, love Jesus more dearly, and follow Jesus more nearly. They will be opened to the many faces of God by listening to the stories of friends who are different from them. They will touch the places where wounds are, and learn that Jesus meets them before they're all fixed up. They will practice telling God's ancient story in new ways and, in so doing, create a future worth wanting.

There will be an informational meeting on August 14, 4:30-6 PM at FCLC. July 5-9 and July 12-16 are the dates of the event, and

we have yet to decide for sure which week we are going. If you have a preference you'd like to have us consider, then let Kris Baltrum or Ashleigh Bruns know ASAP! We will be traveling with First Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran, so there are A LOT of details that need working out. Get in on all the information right from the beginning!



- 2. THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH** isn't necessarily the last circus you were at...it is this years Rocky Mountain Synod Sr. High Youth Gathering! This year's event features all kinds of cool things: Dick Hardel and his clowns (way cool, trust me) and The Fitz Family (the most amazing juggling family ever) and the band SPREIRO!!! It is going to be WAY fun. So mark your calendars for November 18-25, 2005. It will be held at the Glorieta Retreat Center in New Mexico, and the synod will be providing bus transportation just like last year! (Can I hear a big "Wahooo!"? Thanks!) Cost is \$150, and scholarships are available.
- 3. SR. HIGH DAY FOR BOULDER CONFERENCE!** August 7, 3-6 PM, location TBA. This is the perfect opportunity for you to check out which of your friends go to what church in the Boulder Conference of the ELCA! We are going to hang out, play some wicked Frisbee, eat some yummie munchies and get excited about sharing a bus with these folks to the Synod and National Gatherings. Sign up with Kris or on the list by the restroom door near the church office.
- 4. "A come-ona Boo-Boo! Get your-a pic-a-nic-a basket!"** Yogi bear might not be there, but you should be! Where? At the FCLC All Church Picnic at the Hover Park on August 21, from 4-7 PM. There will be food, fun, and lots of friends! Sr. High youth will be leading some of the games (since you are such fun people) so make sure to mark your calendar and bring a friend if you'd like!
- 5. YOUTH GROUP ROCKS ON!** Sr. Highers are still getting together every 2nd and 4th Sunday nights for all sorts of crazy stuff. A little bit of food, a little bit of rowdiness, a little bit of Bible study, and a whole lot of fun. This month's dates are August 14 and 28, both from 6:00-7:30. Come and bring your friends!
- 6. DIVING DEEP!** This is our "serious" Bible study for Sr. High youth. If you'd like to walk a little closer to Jesus and learn how to build your spiritual muscle, then this Bible Study is for you. We are talking about the Spiritual Disciplines that help bulk up our faith. Like any sport, you need to train. To walk with Jesus, we need to train as well. This is the way to do it. Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights from 7-8 PM in the Fireside room at FCLC. This months dates are August 3 and 17.

CRUZANDO
Journey with Jesus

7. GET YOUR FORMS IN! A mailing went out the beginning of this summer that had emergency information forms and permission forms for traveling and having your picture on the church website. Please take a minute to fill them out and turn them back into me as soon as you can! Thanks! Kris.

Worship Team Corner!

By Diane Sell



"Build Up, Prepare the way
Remove the obstructions
from my people's way
Build up, Prepare the way
God is near
God is Here today"

Paul writes to us in Ephesians 4 about our Unity in the Body of Christ. He says that Christ gave us each gifts..."some of us to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for the works of service, so that the body of Christ may be "Built Up." During September this song by Dakota Road will be featured in our services by our Worship teams. Our goal is for you to learn it and love it as much as we do! The message that this song leaves is one of strength and purpose in our mission as a people of God.

If in your travels, you hear a song that you think might be a good one for our teams and congregation to learn and sing please let me know!

God Bless you as we begin a new and exciting year at Faith Community!

Diane Sell

Director of Worship Teams

ATTENTION ALL CHOIR MEMBERS AND WORSHIP TEAM FOLKS!!!

Are you not getting as involved in our music program because you need coverage for your little cute ones at home? Well have no fear, your prayers have been answered! Starting new this fall we will be able to make your rehearsal much more family friendly! Children under the age of 5 will have supervised care in the nursery while children between the ages of 5 and 10 will have supervised fun and activities (including "homework time") in the fellowship hall. Supervising both of these will be the Fantabulous, Amazing and Most Cool Teenaged Saints of FCLC!!! These services are being provided to you at the low cost of \$3 per child. BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE! If you act now, and give Diane Sell the "Heads up" that you will utilize this service, we will throw in extra prayers and admiration just for you, and NO EXTRA COST!!!



HEY! What's that "ORGAN" doing in our sanctuary!?

We rejoice in the new organ that was recently donated to our church. Several of us from the Worship & Music Committee recently went to investigate this organ. The seller was an audio engineer, who has shifted some of his business to finding, buying, refurbishing, and up-grading used Allen digital organs.

With the increasing number of weddings and funerals at our church, and along with our vision of "blended worship," we believe this organ will be a fine addition to our worship. We will not be letting go of any of the wonderful music that has shaped the character of our worship, but we do plan to ADD to what we now do. Just as our church has been blessed with all kinds of new growth, so too is our worship & music repertoire growing!

Calling all SOUND GEEK WANNABE'S

Do you need something to do with your hands during church? Do you find yourself fidgeting with your fingers? We've got the answer. Become a member of the Sound and Recording Ministry. With as little as 2 hours a month, you can play a vital role in the worship experience. No experience necessary. On the job training. The pay is not much but the reward and benefits are eternal. For more information, contact Jay Harper (303) 684-0550.



Mission Verse:

God's Spirit is on me:
He chose me to preach the
Message of Good News to the
poor, Sent me to announce
pardon of prisoners and
recovery of sight to the blind,
To set the burdened and
battered free, to announce,
"This is God's year to act!"

Luke 4:18-19

Our Vision:

In each of us burns a flame
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.



Our Core Values:

To "Reach Out in Love"
as a church that is:

- * Bible Centered
- * Prayer Centered
- * Blend of Inspirational
Worship
- * Kid Friendly
- * Visitor Friendly
- * Model of the Priesthood of
Believers
- * Model of First Fruits Giving
(to various outreach projects)

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